

# FARRELL REFUSES TO AFFIRM DEAL

### Highlanders Is Latest Information.

to-night if it were true that a deal has been arranged by which Frank Chancorner manager of the Chicago National League Club, would go to New York as manager of the New York Americans. President Farrell, of the New York club, who is attending the American League meeting at Chicago, would neither deny nor affirm this story.

It is said here that an official announcement will be made of the deal whereby Chancorner is slated to become manager of the New York Americans. It is said to be the largest ever paid a ball player.

At the meeting here to-day of the American League club owners they waived claim to Shortstop Corrieon of Chicago, so President Davis, of the Detroit club, might dispose of him in Cincinnati and complete the deal. It was reported that four other players are to go to the Chicago National in exchange for Joe Tinker and two others. It was shown that President Herrmann, of Cincinnati, is to be named as first base release, as soon as the deal was closed by which Herrmann would get Shortstop Tink of Chicago, to manage the Cincinnati club.

Club owners of the league held an executive session in the afternoon and adjourned at midnight to meet again to-morrow morning.

**GULLETT EXONERATED**

**Fire-Alarm Operator, Suspended for Alleged**

C. L. Guilett, operator in the City Fire Alarm Department, who was last Saturday afternoon notified by telephone of duty to assist in the investigation of the fire. Guilett was completely exonerated last night by the Board of Fire Commissioners and ordered to receive his full pay. The investigation into the cause of the fire took an hour, and was of the most rigid character.

The difficulty centered about a reported delay in answering a call which was turned in late Saturday afternoon. Mr. Guilett contended that he was alert and on duty at the time the call was received. He was brought out during the hearing by the instruments by reason of difficulties with the electrical apparatus, which cannot be used at times because of the possibility of a short circuit.

Chief Wise, of the Fire Department, put

First attention to business. Chairman Taylor, of the Fire Board, thought that no one would be so foolish as to allow that it was a failure to answer the alarm promptly, and to neglect on the part of the operators. The investigation was dropped and Mr. Gilbert declined without blame.

**Organ Recital.**

The organ recital for the first time was in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church and postponed because of inclement weather. The program was as follows: "Swan," as formerly announced. The program was: Miss L. Womble is the organist. The choir was: Miss Caroline B. N. P. Norris, soprano; Miss Caroline B. N. P. Norris, alto; Miss Caroline B. N. P. Norris, tenor, and Joseph White, bass.

**Prisoner Dismissed.**

Magistrate H. B. Sunday, of District Court, yesterday dismissed the charge against

ated by Constable T. A. Davis on a war-  
rant charging him with attempting to shoot  
and kill a negro woman named Annie Hilly.  
There was no evidence entered to show  
what intent in any of the prisoners ac-  
tions.

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### Chemists Will Meet.

The Virginia Chemists' Club will hold its  
regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening  
at 8:15 o'clock at the

University College of Medicine. The program will consist of two papers, one being on "Viscose," by A. Holtenbaugh, and the other a brief report of the eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry by H. B. Carpenter.

## STORY IS STARTLING

### President Taft Told of Conditions in Mexico

Washington, December 11.—President Taft listened to-night to some startling disclosures about conditions in Mexico. Four American business men, members of the Senate and a Representative sat in the Cabinet room in the White House office and heard the story. The men were interested in the President by one man who had been in the southern republic within the last few weeks. It was a tale of our countrymen who had been arrested and held-up of Americans by bandits who seized Americans and held them for ransom, of general lawlessness and disorder, of the state of affairs in the ears of the President since the trouble began in Mexico nearly two years ago.

The story came out at a hearing which the President granted a part of American business men. They did not ask intervention. They said after the hearing was over that they believed the President to see that Americans were protected and that

hearing of an hour and a half. The President promised to take up the case presented with the department concerned.

Senators William Alden Smith, of Michigan, and Fall, of New Mexico, who conducted the investigation to the Senate of the two Mexican revolutions; Representative Hamilton, of Michigan; Prince McKinney, of Cleveland; W. S. Pence, of Texas; H.

The White House had no statement to make, but it was understood that President Taft had no intention of asking Congress for authority to in-

not take up with the President to detail the result of their investigation but Senator Fall at several points corroborate the assertions of others who were heard.

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